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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sirs:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed February 18, 2003, accompanied herewith with a three month petition for extension of time and fee, Applicants elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-20 drawn to a gas charge, with traverse.

It is not believed that the restriction requirement is in accordance with Unity of Invention practice, since there was no similar requirement made during the International PCT phase of this application. The basis for judging the unity of invention is set forth in Article 3 (4) (III) PCT in conjunction with Rule 13 PCT. It is believed that such application would be in violation of Article 27 (1) of the PCT.

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In addition, the Examiner requests election of species. Applicants elect as follows:

Binding agent- cellulose acetate

Oxidizing agent- potassium perchlorate

Organic fuel- terphthalic acid

Aggregate- aluminum oxide; and

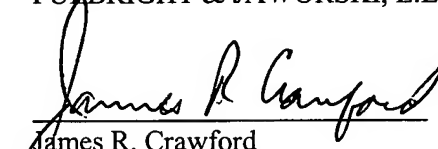
Coating additive- graphite

It is not believed, however, that it would be an undue burden for the examiner to search more than one species, as it is likely a complete search would uncover these.

If any fees are due to enter this paper or to maintain pendency of this application, authorization is given to charge deposit amount no. 50-0624.

Respectfully submitted,

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